

aggregates to 269 km which *inter alia* includes 39 km of NH 23 in Orissa.

(c) and (d). The development works including construction of missing links on N.Hs. is a continuous process. The works are taken up in phases depending upon the inter-se priority of works and availability of resources.

Cadre Review Committee

3391. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cadre Review Committee constituted for the industrial and non-industrial employees of the E.M.E. workshop had submitted its report in 1992;

(b) if so, the gist of the recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether the recommendations of the Committee have not been implemented so far;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in the matter;

(e) whether any time limit has been set for the implementation of the report; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f). The Cadre Review Committee constituted for the industrial and non-industrial employees of the Corps of EME submitted its report to the Government in 1992 which contained proposals for Cadre Review of 66 cadres of EME of which 50 cadres pertain to Group 'C' and 16 cadres to Group 'D' category in both industrial and non-industrial category.

2. The recommendations of the Cadre Review Committee were considered by the Government and after detailed deliberations, the proposals for 18 industrial cadres were sent to Vth Pay Commission for consideration, proposals for 9 cadres are under various stages of consideration in the Government, proposal for one cadre has been accepted and Cadre Reviews of 36 cadres were not accepted by the Government primarily due to the non-availability of functional justification for creation of higher level additional posts.

Cataract Patients

3392. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Cataract Patients falling victims of Unskilled Doctors" appearing in the *Times of India* dated April 11, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to protect the general public from such unskilled doctors and also to make available to them the services of properly trained doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Phacoemulsification is the most modern technique for cataract extraction with Intraocular lens implementation. While this procedure is common in developed countries, it is new for Indian and can be followed by Ophthalmologists who are or were doing cataract operation by conventional methods. Like all new procedures, this also has its own learning curve. There are several facilities available in the country where this procedure is done as a routine and where Ophthalmologists can observe and gain experience in this procedure of Phacoemulsification.

Primary Health Centres

3393. SHRI MUNAWWAR HASSAN :
DR. BALIRAM :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the miserable condition of Hospitals and Primary Health Care Centres in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the scheme of the Government to improve the condition of these centres immediately with particular reference to Muzaffar Nagar and Azamgarh areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Dye Stuff Industry

3394. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Dye Stuff Industry has demanded the review of the Government's proposal prohibiting the handling of AZO Dyes which are detrimental to health;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken on the demands of the Dye Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. According to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, a proposal to prohibit

handling of certain azodyes which are detrimental to health is under consideration and objections from the public against the proposed move have been invited in accordance with the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986. A decision in the matter will be taken keeping all the factors under consideration.

Bridge

3395. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct bridge over creek at Kiranpani joining two States viz. Maharashtra and Goa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) There is no proposal to construct the bridge in question at present under any of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Sports Activities in Bihar

3396. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to organise any training camp at National level with a view to encourage sports activities in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) National level training camps are organised at the various centres of Sports Authority of India only for training National teams for their participation in international events.

[English]

Ayurvedic Treatment

3397. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any step during Eighth Five Year Plan to promote Ayurvedic treatment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to promote Ayurvedic treatment and health care during Ninth Five Year Plan.

(d) if so, the scheme proposed thereon; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). During the Eighth Plan period a separate Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy for the promotion and development of these systems has been established. Within a modest Eighth Plan outlay of Rs. 88 crores, financial assistance has been provided to Ayurvedic Colleges for infrastructure, for plantation of medicinal plants and for inservice training. The National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, Institute of Post Graduate training and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar, Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth, Delhi and Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha have also been assisted. The work for developing pharmacopoeial standards has been continued.

(c) to (e). For addressing the needs of Ayurveda sector adequately the Working Group for ISM and H for Ninth Plan has recommended an outlay of Rs. 1840 crores. Some of the proposals setting up of treatment facilities at district level infrastructure support for block level dispensaries, Ayurvedic health care to beneficiaries under the Central Govt. Health Scheme, support to NGOs for preventive health, large scale Vanaspati Vans on wastelands, meaningful assistance to Ayurvedic Colleges and Research/Development issues and areas of concern.

RPO Ahmedabad

3398. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Regional Passport Office (RPO), Ahmedabad is presently located in a highly congested place in the city;

(b) whether it is a fact that a decision was taken by the Government to shift the office and a sum of Rs. 85 lakhs was sanctioned for the construction of a new building for the RPO;

(c) whether it is also a fact that neither the RPO was shifted nor the construction of new RPO building was undertaken; and

(d) if so, the reasons for non-implementation of Government's policies and action proposed by the Government in the matter?